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THE UPPER CANADA COLLEGE QUESTION.

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WITH STRICTURES ON ARTICLES THAT HAVE
RECENTLY APPEARED IN CERTAIN
TORONTO NEWSPAPERS.

REMARKS.—We here give from various articles which have recently appeared relative to UPPER CANADA COLLEGE, a series of brief extracts. These extracts, though far from doing justice to the ability which has characterized the articles in their integrity, will yet serve, in some measure, to indicate the strength of the feeling by which the Province is now agitated. We regret that we have been unable to obtain copies of several influential journals in which articles have appeared on the subject in question,—journals which, by their manly and eloquent defence of Provincial rights, have reflected the highest honor on their editors and their proprietary.

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From The Dundas True Banner, August 20.

In tracing the history of the Institution, the author clearly establishes the fact, beyond the possibility of cavil, that Upper Canada College was "conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity," and that its career for nearly forty years has been marked by one continuous and systematic wholesale robbery of the original Grammar School Endowment and the University Funds, for the accomplishment of objects, the importance of which can be properly estimated when a comparison is drawn between the usefulness of the Grammar Schools, which it has plundered of their legitimate means of support, and the work which has been accomplished by Upper Canada College since the date of its inception.

From the Ingersoll Chronicle, August 20.

The relation of Upper Canada College to the County Grammar Schools of this Province, from the period of its establishment to the present time, is fully and critically examined in this pamphlet, and is done, we must say, in a very masterly and scholarlike manner. That this institution has been founded and fostered at the expense and injury of our Grammar Schools, no one who has taken the trouble to examine can possibly deny. We intend to devote a series of articles to this subject, which, we think, is a matter of the greatest moment to all who have the welfare of our Grammar Schools at heart. It is high time, if injustice has been done to the Grammar Schools, which we think is the case, that the Legislature should take the matter in hand.

From The York Herald, (Richmond Hill,) August 21.

We earnestly trust the Association will follow up their labours, and draw public attention to this important subject. Boards of Grammar School Trustees, and the public generally, should endeavor to become familiar with the facts brought out in this pamphlet, and seek redress in the proper quarter, by knocking at the door of Parliament.

From the Woodstock Sentinel, August 21.

We have been, for many years, trying to ascertain the amount of lands appropriated for Grammar School purposes, and the management of those lands, but failed to obtain such information. Now we have the whole facts in this pamphlet and truly the fraudulent and extravagant spoliation of those lands, to support Upper Canada College is almost beyond belief, were the facts not plainly stated and supported by the indisputable testimony of the proceedings of Parliament, addresses, orders in Council, &c., of which chapter and verse is given to facilitate research and to establish the truth of the astounding facts contained in this brochure before us. Next week we shall give the subject a careful consideration and lay such facts before the public as to convince all, of the necessity of aiding the Grammar School Association in their efforts to obtain justice for our Grammar Schools.

From The Wentworth News, (Dundas,) August 26.

If, as the advocates for the Grammar Schools claim, an injustice is being continually perpetrated for the benefit of Upper Canada College

against the interests of the Grammar Schools, the Government should not delay in taking prompt, speedy, and decided action in the matter.

From the Smith's Falls Review, August 27th.

We need look no further than this for an explanation of the small amounts annually apportioned to our Grammar Schools, and the difficulties which have continually been felt in keeping them in a proper state of efficiency. Will it be endured that this gross injustice shall still continue, and that our Grammar Schools shall remain as they have so long, hampered with innumerable difficulties, able neither to build school-houses nor to procure proper furniture, books or apparatus, and driven by the very necessities of the case into Union with the Common Schools? We heartily sympathize with the Association in their efforts to right this monstrous wrong, and we heartily thank the committee to whose laborious and pains-taking efforts we owe the publication of this interesting pamphlet.

From the Ingersoll Chronicle, August 27.

How a nondescript institution like Upper Canada College, under the guise of being a University, when it was nothing more than a Grammar School, was so endowed and allowed thus to rob the Grammar or District Schools of their rightful inheritance, appears incredible. It has been well said that this Institution was "conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity." It has been well described by a contemporary as "an Augean stable of fraud, deception and incompetency." That this is the case we think our readers will admit when we have fully treated of the subject in the series of articles which we intend to devote to this question. It is a duty the press of the country owe to their time-honored and cherished institutions, the County Grammar Schools.

From The Times, (Owen Sound,) August 28.

It would be impossible, in the limits of a newspaper article, to allude to the many just grounds of complaint against Upper Canada College, as brought to light by the "Grammar School Masters' Association," but we have said enough to show that a monstrous fraud is being perpetrated; and one in which every County in the Province is interested, for our Grammar Schools are crippled and their efficiency seriously impaired for want of the funds out of which they have been cheated by this huge Toronto monopoly. The funds at the disposal of the Province for the promotion of education are not so ample that we can afford to have such a large portion of them squandered in the way it is proved they are by Upper Canada College, and we hope our Legislators at their approaching meeting will attend to it; make a thorough investigation, and remedy the gross abuses complained of. If they do not, they may depend upon it their constituents will attend to them; for once the eyes of the public are opened to the disgraceful state of affairs, they will not suffer it to continue.

From The Brampton Times, August 28.

After a perusal of this document it seems almost incredible to us that our public men, many of whom must be acquainted with the facts,

have so long permitted the existence of a school, for the support of which the greater and better part of the Grammar School lands of this Province has been misappropriated, for which the Royal Grammar Schools have been despoiled of their rightful property, and which has absorbed by far the larger portion of the whole University endowment.

From The Dundas True Banner, September 3.

The Pamphlet recently issued by the Grammar School Masters' Association has found its way to all sections of Ontario, and has met with almost universal approbation—newspapers of all shades of politics cordially uniting in denouncing the unprincipled management of this institution in the past, and calling for immediate action on the part of the Ontario Legislature for its suppression. That an institution whose management has been most thoroughly corrupt for over forty years, should have been allowed to retain its position in this Province, notwithstanding the repeated attempts which have been made at investigation, seems to be perfectly astounding; and now that its history has been narrated in the plain, unvarnished language of truth, it is not to be wondered that a storm of indignation is gathering which cannot fail eventually to eradicate this huge swindle from the educational system of our country.

From the Hamilton Spectator, September 3.

Upper Canada College has at length found its historian, and, unless we much misapprehend the signs of the times, the history will be found complete in the very thin *duodecimo* volume just published. To speak more plainly, we cannot believe that Upper Canada College will survive the merciless exposure, which it has received at the hands of a Grammar School Master, in a pamphlet the title of which stands at the head of the present article. We cannot believe that the subserviency of the whole Province to Toronto and its paltry interests, has yet become so complete and hopeless, as to permit the further maintenance in that city of an institution, whose past history and present administration are here for the first time displayed at large. Short as is the time during which the above statement has been afloat, we can see by our exchanges that the Province is already profoundly moved by the facts which this statement discloses. Journals representing all shades of political opinion, journals discordant on almost every other question are on this question, quite unanimous. All agree that the career of Upper Canada College is now run.

From the Markham Economist, September 3rd.

It has been asserted that over one million of dollars has already been absorbed by this insatiable institution, and that the educational results are in nowise commensurate with the enormous expenditure. If this be true, as the author maintains, an immediate remedy is required. It is the duty of the Legislature of Ontario to either abolish the institution and allow its endowment to revert to the Grammar Schools—the equitable owners—or to place the school under the supervision of trustworthy officers.

From Smith's Falls Review, September 3.

Much more might be said on the subject, but we think enough has been stated to show the grasping, greedy character of the whole conduct of the managers of the institution, and the immense damage it has done to the cause of superior education, throughout the land. We trust that the Legislature of Ontario, in whose hands the Confederation Act has placed the educational interests of the Province, will be awakened to a sense of its duty, and that Upper Canada College will, at no distant period, be called upon to give an account of itself. The Grammar School Masters' Association deserve the thanks of all true friends of education for their energetic action in the matter, and we hope that its members will continue their crusade, till their efforts are crowned with success; till an institution, established and maintained merely for the benefit of a few Government Officials, and hangers-on, shall no longer be supported at the public expense, to the injury of over a hundred Grammar Schools throughout the length and breadth of the land.

From The New Dominion, (Port Dover,) September 4.

The Local Legislature cannot possibly ignore the facts brought to light of day by the author of this statement. With their own journals confronting them they cannot deny justice to the Grammar Schools. We shall watch with particular interest the action of those rather numerous members who represent Toronto interests in Parliament. The present question will form a valuable test for their constituents, by which they may determine how far those residents in Toronto have the welfare of the Province at heart,—how far their representatives are ready to sacrifice the duty they owe to their constituents to the aggrandizement of Toronto.

From the Hamilton Evening Times, September 5.

We have just risen from the perusal of a report on this question, compiled by order of the Ontario Grammar School Masters' Association, and a more ably-written pamphlet it has rarely been our fortune to set eyes upon. Supporting his cause by full references to original documents, which it must have taken an immense amount of labor and perseverance to verify, our author proves his points with an accumulated weight of argument, which it will be difficult to shake. And yet, though the facts are weighty, and the statistics by no means inconsiderable, the interest of the reader never flags, for the writer brings to his aid the resources of a pungent wit and keen irony that would go far to make his fortune in a literary career.

It is perfectly evident to every impartial observer that such an institution would have fallen long ago had it not existed in Toronto. That the same spirit of intense selfishness which has left Hamilton without any Provincial Institution except the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and has even sought to deprive us of it—that same spirit which has brought about the location of nearly every public institution in Toronto—that same spirit manifested itself in the foundation of the institution whose history is now for the first time made public, and has continued ever since to conceal

its faults and to gloss over its corruptions. But we can assure the people of Toronto that she is not so necessary to the Province as the Province is to her, and the people of Ontario will watch their representatives narrowly to see if in the decision of this important matter they shall be swayed in the slightest degree by the insidious blandishments of Toronto influence.

From the Hamilton Spectator, September 3.

To a person wandering through this chronicle of the Upper Canada College—this record of an ill-spent life—its administration both past and present, displays most unmistakeably upon it the infamous motto of Pompadour: "After us the deluge!" Let us trust that the antediluvian period is at length ended!

From The Wentworth News, (Dundas,) September 9.

The arguments Mr. Hunter advances to support the position he has taken, are apparently irresistible; and we wait anxiously the defence Upper Canada College will make to the serious charges which are brought against it in this cleverly gotten up document. If the facts are as stated in this pamphlet, and we have no reason at present to doubt their correctness being apparently fully supported by references to original documents, it is altogether probable we may have to wait a long time for a defence from this nondescript seat of learning. The arguments in the pamphlet are clear, concise, and to the mark; no point is shirked; no evasion visible; and the whole question from its inception to the present time is gone into with a vim that shows its historian must have felt the correctness of the statements he advances and the injustice which not only the teachers but also the pupils have been compelled to suffer.

From the Brockville Recorder, September 10.

The remarkable pamphlet issued under the auspices of the Grammar School Masters' Association deserves a more extended notice than we gave it last week. We wish, indeed, that every friend of education could read it *in extenso*, for then, such a pressure would be brought to bear on our Legislature, as could not fail to wipe away the monstrous injustice that has been saddled upon the community for so long a time.

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We would willingly touch upon the other points so eloquently and clearly dwelt upon in the brochure under notice, but we cannot at present do more than conclude with the Grammar School Masters—

"That the further maintenance at the 'Public Expense' of Upper Canada College, is thus on every ground indefensible. Let us hear of no truce; no compromise; no dangerous delays.

"Finally, let us—strong in the goodness of the cause—demand of the Legislature justice against that Institution which the Legislature's own journals declare to have been begotten of fraud and nurtured by plunder."

From the Canadian Champion, (Milton,) September 12.

How comes it that the boasted leaders of public opinion, the Toronto papers, the *Globe* and the *Telegraph*, who profess to be superior to the

rural press, and who are so keen scented for a grievance that they will see it afar off, at Cobourg or Kingston for instance, how comes it, say we, that they are silent with regard to Upper Canada College? The carcass is right under their noses, and its corruption has been exposed from one end of the Province to the other; but these usually stern guardians of the public interests, these rigid censors who take a savage delight, and a proper pride in exposing and denouncing such subjects as the York Roads, the Baby Frauds, *et id genus omne*, allow the country press to steal their vocation, when it comes to the excision of a Toronto school, with whose history and antecedents they have peculiar opportunities of becoming acquainted.

But this policy will prove of no avail, with or without the aid of Toronto, this agitation will be carried on, and the rural press will prove that their united rills of influence will form a torrent of public opinion, which the Metropolitan press will be powerless to modify or arrest.

From The Hamilton Evening Times, September 11.

We shall anxiously look for the reply of the friends of the Upper Canada College to this pamphlet; but we do not see what reply is possible where the proof is so strong and the evidence so overwhelming. For let it be borne in mind that these statements are not the *ipse dixit* of any one man, or even of any association, but are founded on evidence given by the authorities of the Upper Canada College itself, published with the sanction of Parliament. Successfully to contradict one's own statements is a feat of gymnastics which seems difficult to accomplish; but such is the task which the Upper Canada College—if defenders there be—will have to undertake.

From the Brantford Expositor, September 10.

We have, in a very hurried manner, glanced over a report relating to this College, compiled by order of the Ontario Grammar School Masters' Association. The report might almost be said to contain a complete history of this Institution from its earliest existence to the present moment, and probably it will be read by many who had heretofore known very little about the College, with feelings of utter astonishment, if not positive disgust; for certainly, if one-half of the statements made in the report be true, it is difficult to conceive how any honest and upright man can do aught but blush for the men who could be guilty of the acts charged in the report against those who were the promoters of that Institution, and by which it has been sustained and pampered during the many years it has now been in existence.

From the St. Thomas Dispatch, September 10.

The above extracts may suffice to show how scandalously the educational interests of this Province have been sacrificed to the maintenance of Upper Canada College, which according to the showing of the Grammar School Masters, ought not to rank higher than any of our County Grammar Schools. The Masters ask "And what has this Province to exhibit for such frightful expenditure?" Scholastic education, like every other

good thing, may be abused, and never more so, than when it becomes the medium for feeding up vanity and fostering pride. This we fear, from the Masters' report has been too much the case with the scholars at Upper Canada College.

From The Princeton Transcript, September 11.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE QUESTION.—In common with our brethren of the Press we have received for review a copy of a neatly-printed document bearing the above title. This harmless looking, blue-covered pamphlet is producing a wonderful commotion throughout the Province. At this effect, when we come to regard its contents, we are by no means surprised. We have here circumstantially detailed, and proved by abundant documentary evidence, a series of transactions in connection with an educational institution of Toronto, which, we are confident, would fail to find a parallel in any similar institution in the world. The centralizing policy of Toronto has often formed the subject of remark, but we confess we have hitherto been unaware of the extent to which this odious system of monopoly has been carried. It is here made plain that our earlier Grammar and Common School Systems, were completely wrecked by the expenditure at York of the funds assigned for the support throughout the Province of such schools. It is established on evidence that a kind of mongrel Grammar School, still existing in Toronto, "Upper Canada College" by name, not only in former years absorbed the funds referred to, but worse than all has brought the Provincial University to the very verge of ruin!!

From the Hamilton Evening Times, September 12.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.—We are happy to see that journal after journal throughout the Province of Ontario, has taken up arms against that plundering establishment in Toronto, which is called the Upper Canada College. Its vast robberies and plunderings from the University and Grammar School properties in the Province, need only to be known to excite the indignation of every honest man in the Province. It is a monstrously voracious parasite fastened upon our educational system, and unless the Legislature of Ontario take action early in the coming session to stop its plunderings, by appointing a Parliamentary Commission to inquire into and report upon its misdeeds, the Government itself need expect no mercy from any party whatever. The country is becoming thoroughly aroused to the enormous robberies perpetrated by and for the Upper Canada College, and they will not be satisfied till it is put in its proper position, or justice be done the whole of the Government Schools throughout the Province, all of which have been most shamefully robbed for the benefit of the sharks who will cluster around and levy upon the Upper Canada College. It appears really to be little better than a den of thieves.

From The Dunnville Luminary, September 18.

Some time ago we received a pamphlet on the Upper Canada College Question, issued under the authority of the Grammar School Teachers' Association of Ontario, which contained statements so extraordinary that we forebore any notice of it till we had an opportunity to examine such

of the documents referred to therein as we could conveniently obtain, in order that we might be able to judge as to their veracity. The accounts given of the financial condition of the College were truly staggering, and were they not fully borne out by the authoritative statements submitted to Parliament would be wholly incredible.

By these means Upper Canada College has cost the public over one million of dollars during the 38 years of its existence, an average of nearly \$30,000 per annum, and at the present moment hopelessly involved in debt, with a yearly deficit for the last six years of \$2329.39. It behooves Parliament at its next session to take some steps to alter this condition of affairs. It is altogether unfair that the other Educational Institutions of the Province should suffer in order to sustain Upper Canada College in its shameless course of extravagance and incompetency.

From the Huron Signal, (Goderich,) September 17.

We have no hesitation then in saying that this institution should be abolished, and that the lands from which its revenue is derived should be handed over to the Grammar Schools for which they were originally set apart by the Legislature. The apportionment of the latter would then be about \$70,000 per annum, and the increase in the amount apportioned to each school would be a great stimulus, and would in many cases so encourage the local managers of these schools, as to induce them to more extraordinary exertions for their improvement, so that the good effects must soon be seen in the increased prosperity of those useful institutions. We hope that during the next session of our Local Legislature, this body may continue to deserve the high reputation for wisdom, honesty, and devotion to the true interests of the country, which it has already earned, by appointing an impartial committee to investigate the whole matter, and follow this up by abolishing this superfluous institution altogether.

From The Brampton Times, September 18.

While we regret that the *Globe* and *Leader* have so far neglected their duty to the public as to avoid reference to an Institution that is daily bringing down on it the well merited censure of all who are free from Toronto influence, we have the best reason for considering their reticence the surest omen of its downfall; for were there even a shadow of a case for the defence, we would, no doubt, have them flying to the rescue. The tone of the Press is so decided on the subject, and the Country members are admittedly so independent of City influence, that the advocates of the suppression of Upper Canada College have good grounds for being sanguine of the success of their endeavors. Besides, the present economical Ministry cannot in the face of the many reductions they have made in the Provincial expenditure give their support to an imposition on the people of Ontario, for the maintenance of a school from which Toronto alone derives any apparent benefit.

From The Glenallan Maple Leaf, September 17.

These are only a few of the facts brought to light by Mr. Hunter's vigorous pamphlet, but they are sufficient to ring the death knell of Upper Canada College.

The miserably onesided ideas of economy possessed by those Toronto papers that advocate so earnestly the withdrawal of the grants to the Denominational Colleges, and their addition to the funds of the Toronto University, must now be apparent, when the fact is exposed, that this mere United Grammar and Common School has been annually swallowing up more public money than all the Denominational Colleges put together, and that in Toronto at their very doors,—yet these public spirited patriots never seem to have found it out. We hope Legislative interference will soon cause this *fungus* on our educational institutions to be numbered among the things that were.

From the Hamilton Spectator, September 24.

This whole Upper Canada College question now lies within a nutshell. Is this Province to pay \$95 per annum for the honor of inscribing a small boy's name to the "College" register? Is this Toronto institution to absorb annually \$12,500 of the Grammar School Fund? In short, is this pretentious institution, which unsuccessfully endeavored to supersede the Toronto County Grammar School, to spend annually the present average Government allowance of TWENTY-THREE County Grammar Schools? The answer of the people of Ontario to these and similar questions, which the Provincial journals are now asking in tones of thunder, cannot be doubtful. We hope that the popular feeling on this matter will be duly reflected by the people's representatives, and that even the first day of the approaching Parliamentary session will witness a movement in the matter. Enough of the tinker's art has been tried by former Legislatures on this Institution. What the country now demands is, that the Upper Canada College Fund, while any of it yet remains, be restored to the source whence it was in the first instance fraudulently taken; that this institution, which has proved itself throughout its whole career to be the most persistent and the most insidious enemy of the Provincial University, be at once and forever suppressed.

The conduct of the House of Assembly on this great educational question will be most narrowly watched. We intend to supply our readers with the fullest reports of the Parliamentary debates and divisions. We sincerely hope that the country may be spared the disgraceful spectacle of members allowing themselves to be button-holed by Toronto editors who are actually afraid and ashamed to hint in their journals at the views they take in this illicit manner. In this question, at all events, there can be no pretence for the introduction of political issues. The cause is entitled TORONTO VS. THE WHOLE PROVINCE!

From The British Canadian, (Port Hope,) September 3.

In a pamphlet which we have before us, compiled by order of the Ontario Grammar School Masters' Association, and entitled "The Upper Canada College Question," the illegality and injustice of the continuation of the institution in question on the same basis that it now exists, are very fully and concisely shown.

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The College has always been conducted at Toronto, has done no University work, and has been carried on by a system of lavish expendi-

ture, while other educational institutions of much more importance than itself have been systematically plundered in order to supply means for its extravagance. It has thus interfered with the Grammar School system of the Province, in having the greater and richer portion of the lands set aside for the maintenance of these schools, handed over to it, without the consent of Parliament, by a man who favored it for the sake of a selfish whim, and who could intrigue successfully on account of the position he occupied at the head of the Upper Canadian Government. But the Grammar Schools have not been the sole victims of Upper Canada College voracity. The Common Schools have also suffered considerably, and the University to an almost incalculable extent, to support an expensive institution, paying its teachers enormous salaries, and yet doing nothing for the popular education of the Province, as only the sons of those who could obtain a certain amount of Government favor, or the richest men in the land, may hope to secure a course at the so-called Upper Canada College.

From the Ingersoll Chronicle, September 24.

There is no class of men in the country who hold a more responsible, honorable and important position than the Principals of our High Schools, and we contend that men holding such a position ought to be well supported. These men have the training of our youth in their hands, they have to mould the characters of the leading men of the next generation, and we contend that salary is not the question when we get the right men in the right places. If the endowment that is their own by right, is given back to the Grammar Schools, or an equivalent thereto, not only will the Headmasters obtain the incomes suitable to their position, but they will be able to increase their staff and have one or more assistants in their Grammar Schools. We trust that the Press and the Legislature will work heartily in the cause of our High Schools, of which we feel proud, and endeavor to make them as thoroughly useful and efficient as possible.

From The Kingston Daily British Whig, September 24.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.—In returning to the consideration of this institution, there is one thing which strikes the mind of any intelligent man, and that is, the folly of paying such immense sums of money annually, without any idea of the way it is spent. The expenditure of the College in 1866 was \$19,887.51, an amount greater by \$5,302.62 than the total expenditure for Grammar School purposes in the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London, Ottawa and Kingston combined. And yet the money given to these Schools from Government was only \$6,884, the whole of their further expenditure being provided from local sources. This wretched pittance, too, was only obtained from the Government by elaborate reports setting forth not only the total, but also the average attendance during the year then past, and the detailed statement of the names of each pupil, the studies pursued and the numbers engaged in each study. But how is it with this immaculate institution? It receives annually a grant of \$12,500, and when asked how this is expended, along with its other sources of revenue, the obliging Principal informs the assembled Parliament—"1866—total—284." Perhaps he was too

busy to give any details further, or he may have had an engagement to go out for a drive, and had only time to inform Her Majesty's Commons, "Total 284." "Great is the Principal, and the Parliament must be his obedient flunkies," at least for a time.

From The Hamilton Evening Times, September 30.

We have characterized the reputation of Upper Canada College as *baseless and undeserved*. Many of the Grammar School Masters believe that it has, to some extent, been foully obtained. The Principal of Upper Canada College is a member of the University Senate, and assists in that capacity in deciding to which of the competing students honors and scholarships shall be awarded, many of the competitors being his own pupils. The Masters in Upper Canada College have frequently acted as examiners in the University, and have had to examine their own pupils along with others. Can it be wondered at, in the face of these facts, that many of the Grammar School Masters are exceedingly doubtful of the fairness of the decisions, and see no other remedy for the evils than the abolition of this enemy alike of the University and the Grammar Schools.

From The Dundas True Banner, October 1.

Just to show our readers, however, that the *Globe* could speak out with telling force on the subject of Upper Canada College in years gone by, we copy one or two extracts from the columns of that journal. They will be read with avidity, and viewed as an oasis in the desert, imparting new life and vigor to the body politic. In this instance, at least, the "skeletons" of the past are more tangible and powerful than the flesh and blood indolence or indifference of the present. We dangle these "skeletons" before the eyes of the *Globe* authorities, and trust a mandate will be issued forthwith to infuse new blood and life into the dry bones of the past, so that the *Globe* may not be entirely forgotten as a friend of the masses. In an article published in the *Globe*, on Thursday, May 20, 1852, reviewing the "Final Report" of the University Commission, the editor writes as follows:

"From the way in which the books were kept, it is, of course, impossible that the Commissioners could give a correct account of the manner in which the moneys were expended, but they have grouped the different branches of outlay in a general summary. We find from this that no less than £75,506 5s has been expended in Upper Canada College, which has also been in receipt of an annual grant from Government of £1,000, and in addition had an endowment of over 60,000 acres. Nearly one-half of the expenditure from King's College [Toronto University] funds, has been made on account of this miserably inefficient Grammar School, which has been but of slight benefit to the public."

In an article on Upper Canada College in the *Globe*, on the 1st of June, 1852, the editor, after making a particular reference to the endowment self-appropriated by that Grammar School, adds:

"There can be no justice in expending the proceeds of this endowment from the general funds exclusively in Toronto."

What was said by the *Globe* regarding Upper Canada College in 1852, is applicable, in every respect, to that Institution at the present time.

From The Daily British Whig, Kingston, September 16.

The only means of satisfying public opinion is to abolish the whole concern, and give the endowment which properly does not belong to it, to the institution upon which it has too long preyed. We sincerely trust that the first day of the next session of the Ontario Legislature will see a motion put on the paper to enquire into this abominable vampire so long fattening on the vitals of the Province and still getting more and more insolent every year.

From the Peterborough Review, October 2.

True, there is one matter recently come to light to which the vehement *Globeisms* have not been applied. Pamphlets and other papers are being sown broadcast over the country about it. It has been proved to a demonstration that there has been corruption going on for a great many years. We refer to the funds and management of Upper Canada College in Toronto. How does this institution escape the lash of this Terror to evil doers.

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Why not the Upper Canada College first, as it comes first? We are amazed that such a master in the perception of rottenness should be so slow in finding out Upper Canada College and hunting it—corrupt thing!—to death.

From The Brantford Expositor, October 2.

The writer of the pamphlet, who is, we believe, Mr. Hunter, of Dundas, proceeds to relate the remainder of this corrupt foundation. He shows by what means it has contrived to absorb about three-fifths of the University endowment; how, by boarding the sons of influential men for nothing, it secured the support of their parents whenever a little additional money was desired; that it has been repeatedly overhauled by the Legislature with no change for the better; that at the present time it maintains a baseless reputation by impudent mendacity; that it costs about \$30,000 per annum to educate about 240 boys; and many other things, into the particulars of which we have not leisure at present to enter. But we have said enough to show that if ever there was a thoroughly corrupt educational institution, Upper Canada College is that place, and enough to authorize the country to demand, in imperious accents, its immediate abolition.

From the Owen Sound Times, October 2.

We are pleased to notice that the papers of the Province, almost without exception, are denouncing the gross fraud and squandering of the public money in connection with the Upper Canada College, recently brought to light through the action of the Grammar School Masters' Association, and demanding that the small remnant yet remaining of the revenue of which the Grammar Schools of the Province have been

despoiled by the disgraceful intrigues of that plundering Institution shall be devoted to the purpose for which it was originally appropriated. It is significant, however, that amid all the outcry being raised from one end of the Province to the other, the press of Toronto has not one word to say on the subject. There can be no doubt that Upper Canada College, though a great imposition upon the Province at large, is a local benefit to that city; and this doubtless furnishes the key to their strange silence—as if they think that by this course they can hush the matter up, and still allow Upper Canada to retain its ill-gotten emoluments. Their very silence, however, furnishes one of the best proofs that the complaint of the Grammar School Masters is just; for if, with a disposition to favor the College (!) in every possible way, they are unable to say anything in its defence when serious charges are made against it, the public may reasonably take it for granted that no defence is possible. But they need not flatter themselves that their public silence will save the Institution; for the public are becoming aroused to the flagrant injustice done to every Grammar School in the Province, and the next meeting of the Ontario Legislature, if it does not seal its doom, will at least see the remnant of the Grammar School endowment wrested from its grasp.

From the Ottawa Citizen, September 10.

We may, however, say we are glad this pamphlet has come out and sincerely hope the labors of the compiler will produce the fruit desired by the Grammar School Masters' Association. We have, for many years, entertained the conviction—how inwrought, we could hardly have told if called upon—that this so mis-called Upper Canada College was nothing better than a giant parasite of the most sinister character, feeding and ever feeding with ravenous appetite upon our educational resources, and at orbing the provision which would, if properly distributed, have given substantial collegiate capacities to scores of seminaries scattered throughout the length and breadth of the Province. A cursory glance through the pages of the book has reminded us of many things we had before heard, and from which, no doubt, we had received these impressions which had at last resulted in a settled conviction of the disgracefully fraudulent origin and history of the wretched concern. But we commend the brochure to general circulation, and earnestly wish it may soon be sown broadcast over the whole country.

From the Ingersoll Chronicle, October 1.

This question is now fairly before the public. We have endeavored to lay the main facts of the case before our readers. We shall always be ready to advocate the interests of the Grammar Schools, and hope that they may be enabled to obtain their rights. The question of Salaries and Pensions paid in Upper Canada College, we think, is about as fitting a climax to the wholesale jobbery and fraud of that institution as could possibly be. We shall conclude this series of articles by the following extracts from the pamphlet under revision, which we think will clearly prove to any candid mind that the existence of such an institution at the expense of the Grammar Schools is a crying evil and will show clearly why the friends of the Legislature have declared that Upper Canada College was begotten of fraud and nurtured by plunder.

From The Dundas True Banner, October 15.

At the regular meeting of the United Board of the Hamilton Grammar and Common School Trustees on the evening of Thursday the 1st inst., the following resolution was moved by Mr. David McCulloch, seconded by Mr. Thomas White, jun., and carried unanimously :

"Resolved—That this Board regards the present position and future continuance of Upper Canada College as a great wrong to the Grammar Schools of the Province, and heartily endorses the recent action of the Grammar School Teachers' Convention on this question; and that the following gentlemen be a committee to prepare a memorial to the Legislature of Ontario embodying these views with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board, viz:—Messrs. Jas. Osborne, T. White, jun., and the mover."

This is a step in the right direction. We trust, however, that the Hamilton Trustees will advance a step further and forward a copy of their memorial (printed in blank) to each Grammar School Board throughout the Province.

From The Brantford Expositor, October 16.

A young man who, a year ago stood equally high with McKee at the Grammar School, under the impression that a more thorough training for college was to be had at the Upper Canada College, than at our school, has since been studying at that institution. He has, however, in the race for academic honors only equalled McKee in mathematics, and stands below him in classics and history.

From The Kingston Daily British Whig, October 17.

Another example of mismanagement, and we leave the subject for the present. During the same five years of which Mr. Christie's return treats, we find the enormous amount of \$1,041.70 charged to stationery. Here all comparison with Squeers is at an end. He at least would never have squandered the full fee of two of his boys on stationery. But what can this mean? Why it would supply a daily newspaper with its stationery, and how the demand can be so great as to use it all up in a school is what we cannot understand. Granted the Principal does print a large number of circulars, but \$1,041.70 is also a large sum. But this item is only on a par with every other. Reckless expenditure, wasteful extravagance, arrogant puffing, and all for no conceivable purpose. Let us hope that an end will come soon, and the sooner the better.

From The Hamilton Spectator, October 20.

The interest taken by the public in this important educational question appears to be constantly on the increase, as the session of the Legislature approaches. The unanimity of the press as to the necessity of immediate Legislative interference is very remarkable: and not less decided is the expression of opinion as to the nature of the remedial measure required.

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The mismanagement of this institution, though naturally engrossing a large measure of public attention, is after all quite a secondary consideration. The principle involved in impoverishing every Grammar School in the Province for the gratification of Dundreary & Co., of Toronto, is too remarkable to be confounded with any question of management or mismanagement. The gross and shameful injustice implied in the very existence of Upper Canada College excited attention many years ago in Toronto itself. The *Globe* of June 1, 1852, while on this very point, wrote as follows: "*There can be no justice in expending the proceeds from this endowment from the general funds exclusively in Toronto.*" Has the *Globe* discovered that justice is only a variable term, and that it chiefly depends for its interpretation on the personalities of the Principal of Upper Canada College?

From the Cobourg World, October 16.

This pamphlet, which has been compiled by order of the Ontario Grammar School Masters' Association, contains disclosures of a most startling nature,—disclosures which must force themselves with telling effect upon the thinking portion of the people, and upon their representatives in Parliament.

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The pamphlet gives a straightforward record, supported by ample testimony of the manner in which Upper Canada College has robbed both the University and Grammar School fund. Not one of the conditions on which it was to receive its moiety of the University fund has been fulfilled; and yet it has swallowed up not only what would have been its own share, but a great part of that which belonged to others.

From The Brampton Times, October 23.

The attack on Upper Canada College is daily acquiring an importance which the Toronto papers will soon be unable to ignore. Fully three-fourths of the journals of the Province have declared war *a l'outrance* against this glaring anomaly in our national system of Education. Judging from the display of honors and scholarships, it apparently gained at the recent Toronto University Examinations, any one would imagine that it sweeps the board on this occasion as it pretends to have done in the past; but when allowance is made for those pupils who received part of their training at other Grammar Schools, and who have been claimed since the publication of the list, the number of the Upper Canada College "boys" becomes sadly reduced. The honors of this now infamous institution have always been and still are but illusory; whereas, according to Dr. McCaul's statement last week, the Grammar Schools carried off more than one-half at the late Examinations. Only give our public schools fair play and we have no fear of the result.

From The Daily British Whig, (Kingston,) September 24.

On another occasion we may find time to return to this Augean stable and assist in its cleansing in the only possible manner, by advising that it be totally abolished.

From The Sarnia Observer, October 23.

The pamphlet we are speaking of gives a great deal more information about Upper Canada College and the Grammar Schools, than we have been able to condense within the limits of this article. Taking it altogether, we cannot but think that a very clear case has been made out for the Legislature to act upon, and to that body we commend the consideration of it. We notice that the Hamilton Board of Grammar School Trustees has directed a memorial on the subject to be drafted and forwarded to the House. We commend this course of procedure to other Grammar School Boards, and assure them of our sympathy if they take part in the attempt now made to procure restitution to the Grammar Schools. These Schools ought to be the local colleges of the community, and anything that will improve them, deserves, and will receive the hearty support of the public.

From the New Dominion, (Port Dover,) October 30.

The present agitation is really to be regarded as a protest against the odious system of centralization—a policy especially odious in educational matters. We hope that early in the ensuing session of the Local Legislature prompt measures will be taken to extinguish this Upper Canada College, which has so long abused the forbearance of the country; to make some reparation for the way in which the Grammar Schools have been so remorselessly plundered, and then to open up to those "People's Colleges" an enlarged sphere of usefulness; finally to relieve the Provincial University of a persistent parasite that has brought it to almost the very verge of ruin.

From the Ingersoll Chronicle, October 29.

We desire to draw the attention of our readers, and more especially of our representatives in the Parliament of Ontario, to the important subject, which will no doubt be brought before the House in an early period of the approaching session. All that is asked is, that the question which now occupies so prominent a position amongst the educational questions of the day, may receive due attention, and that a fair and impartial examination may be made by Parliament into the matter. If injustice has been done to the Grammar Schools of this Province, surely reparation should be made. If Upper Canada College has been enjoying annually \$12,500 from the Grammar School Reserves, it does not require any argument to prove that the Grammar Schools have been plundered of that which they alone should benefit by. We do not doubt that the matter will receive due consideration at the hands of our representatives. If the charges brought against Upper Canada College be true, then the issue is clear. We hope that the Grammar Schools will at length have justice done, and that they will not be injured henceforth by a monopoly in Toronto, carried on at their expense, and much to their detriment.

From the Ottawa Citizen, October 30.

The Upper Canada College incubus is becoming more and more intolerable to the population of Ottawa; and concerning it, they seem disposed to say, as was said of another objectionable concern, "the more we know of it the more we dislike it."

From the Napanee Express, October 9.

We have no more time at present to enter into this matter, but we think that it is full time for the Parliament to step in and rectify the wrongs sustained by the Grammar Schools. The whole history is one series of speculation and reckless expenditure. And to continue this any longer is manifestly unjust and unfair. We give a few extracts to show the way in which money is frittered away.

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We conclude our present article with the final words of the Report, every word of which we heartily endorse, and only hope that in this instance, at least, full and speedy justice will be done.

From the St. Catharine's Times, October 27.

These are a few of the facts, which, with a host of others of a similar nature, have been given to the country by the assiduous author of the pamphlet, and we doubt not that they will raise a feeling of indignation throughout the Province, and a demand for the sweeping away of this huge imposition and incubus upon the Grammar Schools, and for the restoration to those schools of the 66,000 acres of land taken away from them to form an Upper Canada College Endowment.

From the Owen Sound Comet, October 23.

We wondered, as we progressed in the examination of this subject when we saw how a tyrannical Governor would issue his orders in Council in direct opposition to measures introduced by a weak Government, and that the country would bear such barefaced plunder; but when we see the audacity of the Toronto Upper Canada College authorities, and the cowardly yielding to their illegal appropriations of Grammar School funds, we are surprised that they have not, by their former success, been emboldened to grasp the whole Grammar School apportionment, and leave nothing to the Grammar Schools. This *expose* that is made of the misappropriation of Grammar School money, we hope, will have the effect of bringing the subject prominently before the local members and the Government of Ontario, with a view of putting an end to this disgraceful embezzlement of School funds.

From the Ottawa Citizen, October 31.

What would the annual \$23,000 have amounted to now, at six per cent. interest? Why to \$2,200,000 and something more. What would the annual interest of \$2,200,000 at seven per cent. come to? Just \$154,000, and this is the yearly amount which, for all future time the cause of liberal education in Ontario loses at the hands of the concern. We have said about enough on this sickening subject, at any rate for the present. At some future day we may deal with other very important matters reviewed in the pamphlet, when possibly our co-operation may be of greater service than it can be to-day, and we therefore close with the last few words of the able writer to whom we have been indebted for our facts—not that they were unknown to us before, for we have given its current events more or less of our attention.

From the Sarnia Observer, Oct. 30.

It will now, after the foregoing disclosures, surprise no one to learn that U. C. College has the unenviable distinction of being one of the chief causes of the disturbances in 1837. In the celebrated Seventh Report, in which the people of Upper Canada enumerated their grievances to the Imperial Government, the maintenance of U. C. College obtained a chief place. And after the Rebellion the Earl of Durham, in reviewing its causes in a Report on the affairs of British North America, felt himself forced to mention the alienation of the Grammar School Reserves for the aggrandizement of U. C. College. During the three decades which have elapsed since the affair of 1837, every grievance complained of by the Upper Canadians at that time, this alone excepted, has been redressed. The Upper Canada College grievance owes its escape for so long a period, partly to fortunate combinations of circumstances, which pressed other subjects forward and kept it in the background, and partly to the iniquitous system of boarding and teaching the sons of influential men without exacting payment, pursued there. On this latter head more will be said presently.

From the London Advertiser, Oct. 30.

The birth of Upper Canada College was attended by the following circumstances:

Ordered not to be built at Toronto, it was built at Toronto.

Demanding to do University work, it did not do it.

Required to be conducted with economy, it has been from its birth extravagant.

Not a Grammar School in the proper and legal acceptance of the term, it has absorbed the Grammar School fund.

Not a Common School, it has thrust its peculating fingers into the Common School fund.

Not a University, it has absorbed all it could of the University endowment.

A bastard among our educational institutions; born of fraud, and nurtured by spoilage; having no recognized place, and no recognized duties; "reaping where it has not sowed, and gathering where it has not strewed;" living on the heritage of others, and doing no work that the country stands in need of, it is time that this illegitimate offspring of Sir John Colborne's scheming brain should be called to strict account. It must be compelled to show cause why it should continue to live, when it was created in violation of law, has existed by violation of law, and is now but absorbing the legal incomes of other institutions which are doing the work it professes to do.

From the Toronto Leader, Oct. 31.

The questions for the Government and Legislature to consider are, whether Upper Canada College is doing a good work, and whether it is doing it at a cost in keeping with the results. We believe the College to be almost a necessity. A good deal has been claimed for it to which it has not been entitled; but, on the whole, it fills a place which could not well be left unfilled. There are some things connected with its manage-

ment which might, however, without disadvantage to the public, receive some attention from the Government. The current accounts of the College, laid before the Legislature last session, and published in the Journals, show a hocus-pocussing in connection with salaries which has a very fishy look. Far be it from us to say a word which would have the effect of reducing salaries below a good return for services rendered. But, we protest that every swell who elbows himself into the college should not live like a prince at the expense of the public. The Senate decreed a reduction a few years ago, which could be very well borne in the great majority of cases; yet, by a little subsequent finessing and slight-of-hand work the reduction of one year—made for appearance sake—is more than made up afterwards. Why, the position of the magnificent principal, financially, is better than that of the able president of University College, everything considered. We hardly think this is just or equitable. And, whilst we cannot for a moment fancy that the Legislature will meddle with the endowment of the college, we think the Government might profitably examine the accounts with a view to retrenchment in some quarters. We should think such a work as this would quite suit the Attorney-General

REMARKS.—We have above given an extract from the *Toronto Leader* in order to shew what can be urged in defence of Upper Canada College. The Editor, in a previous paragraph, states that he “does not question the correctness of the historical sketch” contained in the recently published Pamphlet. He further admits, in the extract just given, that the University honors claimed by Upper Canada College have been, in a great measure, illusory, and that the management of its finances has been most unsatisfactory. All former regulations for the good government of the institution are acknowledged to have been wholly fruitless, whether such regulations have emanated from Executive Councils, or from Parliament, or from the University Senate. Notwithstanding, however, these candid admissions, the *Leader* still “believes the College to be almost a necessity.” The Editor, in a paragraph preceding the one above quoted, states that the Grammar Schools “are doing a good work.” But, while admitting that the Grammar Schools are doing a good work, the *Leader* would apparently wish to deprive them of the means by which their work may be still better done, and this in favor of an institution whose past history is conceded to be most discreditable. The history of a monopoly could hardly have failed to be a discreditable one. Where the principle of an institution is essentially bad, the management must almost of necessity be of like character; and the more efficient the management, so much more effective for evil must the institution become. The *Leader* hopes for results

in the future which certainly are not in any degree warranted by the past. At all events, we take leave to doubt that either the people of Ontario, or their representatives in Parliament, will, in prospect of so distant a reversion, sanction any further alienation of the Grammar School Endowment.

MR. HUNTER'S REPLY TO A RECENT ARTICLE IN
THE TORONTO TELEGRAPH.

To the Editor of the Telegraph.

SIR,—You have thought fit to give insertion in the *Telegraph* of the 3rd November to a quasi editorial containing a most malicious and a most dastardly attack upon the author of the Upper Canada College Pamphlet. As you have, in your generosity, furnished to your quasi editor at least the assassin's mantle, if not the assassin's dagger, I trust that you will, in justice to the author of the assailed Pamphlet, afford him an opportunity of defence.

The writer of the article to which I have alluded, and who, in more than one sense represents Upper Canada College, sets out with a wilful falsification of my Pamphlet. In that document, (p. 25), I had, while illustrating the very meagre character of the provision at present made for the Grammar Schools, remarked that, except the sum arising from fees, there was no revenue available for repairs, for fuel, or for the other expenses connected with the comfortable occupation of Grammar School premises. I had then added, "But these fees are, except in a few schools, of the most trifling character, and are annually becoming more distasteful, on account of the happily increasing number of FREE Common Schools," (p. 25). Will it be believed that my treacherous reviewer substitutes for the word "free," which contained the whole gist of the passage, the word "our;" and that then this Master of Artifice spends much the greater part of a column in ringing changes on the assertion falsely attributed to me, that the Grammar Schools are found to be practically superseded by the Common Schools. This disposes at once of about a third part of the *Telegraph's* article.

The title-page of the Pamphlet sets forth that Upper Canada College was established in defiance of the Legislature; and in the body of the Pamphlet it is, I trust, made sufficiently plain that Upper Canada College was established in defiance of the conditions precedent insisted on by the Legislature. Nevertheless, the reviewer finds some imaginary contradiction as regards this matter, between the title-page and the body of the statement.

Then comes a charge of forgery, to wit: "In quoting the Duke of Portland's Despatch of the 4th November, 1797, authorizing the appropriation of lands for support of Grammar Schools—we have this honest assailant of the College, deliberately substituting the word 'free' for the word 'four' in the passage where the Duke says that 'on the government grants four Grammar Schools were to constitute the first charge.' My reply is, that in the Duke of Portland's Despatch the word four does not once occur, but that on the contrary the following passage does occur: 'He, [His Majesty George III.,] has condescended to express His Most Gracious intention to comply with the wishes of the Legislature of his Province of Upper Canada in such manner as shall be judged most effectual: first by the establishment of *Free Grammar Schools* in the districts in which they are called for.' I trust that our Legislators will, while within easy distance of the journals verify this quotation. It will be found in the journal of the Assembly for 1831, appendix page 105, (York: John Casey, 1831.)

The *Telegraph's* reviewer then declares that he finds it stated (falsely) in the Pamphlet, (p. 9), that the Governor referred in the opening speech of 1830, to the support of Upper Canada College. My reply is, that the reviewer finds in the Pamphlet no statement of the kind, but that he and every one else may find (on page 9), a statement to the effect that the Governor in a *Message* (sent down to the House on Feb. 4, 1830), suggested the maintenance of Upper Canada College by Parliament—which, as a matter of fact, he did.

My accuser charges that, in citing an Address of the House of Assembly in 1831, I have quoted the Address as containing the words "Grammar School Reserves." My reply is, that here, as in other places, my amiable reviewer generously supplies the quotation marks, and then charges that the manufactured quotation is not correct. The exact words of the Legislative Address are, that His Excellency "may be pleased to communicate to the House copies of all such documents as His Excellency may be in possession of, which authorize the survey, reservation, sale or appropriation of certain lands in this Province called School Townships;" (Journal of Assembly, 1831, Friday, Jan. 21). Now, does my reviewer on the one hand deny that the Grammar School Reserves are, by the language of the Legislature, intended; or does he, on the other hand, affirm that any school reservation other than that for Grammar Schools existed in this Province in 1831? If he does not deny the one, or affirm the other, wherein can I be justly accused of falsifying the records of Parliament, when I say in my Pamphlet, (p. 10), without professing to give an exact quotation from the Address, that "*An Address was passed requesting His Excellency to lay before the House all documents relating to the Grammar School Reserves.*"

My accuser charges that in a quotation from an Address of the House in 1836, I have interpolated the word "*secret*." My reply is that my reviewer here states what he must be fully aware is a malicious untruth. The quotation supplied in the Pamphlet, (p. 17), is strictly correct, and may be found on the journal of the House of Assembly, 1836, Wednesday, Jan. 20, p. 41, (Toronto: M. Reynolds, 1836.)

The next count in the indictment charges that I have attributed to the Legislature what was the mere individual opinion of Mr. Mackenzie regarding Upper Canada College. My reply is, that in this matter I have the honor to agree with the Imperial Government, and the misfortune to differ from my sagacious reviewer. In the Imperial Despatch appointing Sir F. B. Head, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, dated Downing street, 5th December, 1835, and signed "Glenelg," the passage quoted in the Pamphlet, (p. 16), is given in full, and is most distinctly referred to by the Colonial Secretary as expressing the opinion of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada. In fact the question of the further maintenance of Upper Canada College occupies no inconsiderable part of the whole Despatch—an importance which it would be absurd to suppose that the Secretary for the Colonies would have attributed to the individual opinion of any man. This Despatch has been printed in the form of a small *duodecimo*, bearing the following title: "Message from His Excellency the Lieut. Gov., of the 30th Jan. 1836, transmitting a Despatch from Her Majesty's Government. Printed by Order of the Hon. the Legislative Council. R. Stanton, Printer." A copy will, no doubt, be found in the Parliamentary Library, where, I trust, it will be copiously consulted.

The charge, however, on which my reviewer lays most stress relates to the attendance of pupils at U. C. College. He says: "Again we are told that all the pupils that could be drummed up for the College in 1832, numbered only forty—these being the sons of persons enjoying government favors." Here, as elsewhere, the reviewer first falsifies the narrative, and then complains that it is false. In the first place the year 1830 and not 1832, is most distinctly referred to both in the context and notes. In the second place I state the number of pupils as nearly 90. The words of the Pamphlet are: "Sir John Colborne drummed up as recruits for his new regiment, the sons of all enjoying Government favors, or who might expect afterwards to do so, and then boasted to Parliament that the names of nearly 90 boys were on the Roll." (page 10) Then how, it will be asked, could this mendacious reviewer represent the passage as saying 40 pupils? The explanation is as simple as it is discreditable! He affects to misunderstand one of the very numerous note-references [40] for an integral part of the text, and he has then the effrontery to base on this falsification of his own conceiving, his crowning evidence of the falsity of my Pamphlet!

We have, doubtless, in this newspaper article the very cream of the U. C. College defence, which is announced as about to appear under the same auspices as that veracious epistle of Jan. 1868. After so remarkable an effusion, the public may very fairly have demanded of Toronto Editors, a little more caution in the acceptance of further statements from such a source—but a Toronto monopoly was to be sustained and under such circumstances the end is held to abundantly sanctify the means. On such a dastardly act as your journal has permitted, retribution is sure to follow, and so it may happen that your literary assassin, while intending murder, has really but committed suicide.

Yours truly,

J. HOWARD HUNTER.

Dundas, Nov. 6, 1868.

RECENT ARTICLES in the "GLOBE" AND "LEADER".

On the fifth day of November,—rather an ill-omened day for conspirators against the welfare of the state!—articles on the U. C. College Question, simultaneously appeared in the *Globe* and *Leader*. The *Leader* especially deals in "villainous saltpetre," and evidently, in the present conspiracy, divides with the *Telegraph* the exalted honor of carrying the dark lantern.

The article in the *Leader* of the 5th of November, is chiefly amusing as being the exact contradiction of an article on the same subject which appeared in the same journal, on Oct. 31. Under these circumstances I am content to wait until the *Leader* shall have settled this U. C. College question with his own troubled conscience, and given the world the benefit of his matured convictions. It would not be a profitable occupation of my time to reply to an article to which the *Leader* may itself, in all probability, on the morrow, supply the most ample and the most satisfactory confutation.

The *Globe* expresses its unqualified abhorrence of all such antiquarian researches as the U. C. College Pamphlet enters upon. And yet not many years ago the Constitutional Act of 1791, and the Clergy Reserves possessed inexhaustible attractions for our journalist. But when as in this instance the question concerns not the Clergy Reserves but the Grammar School Reserves—Ah! my friend, that is a different, because a Toronto, matter! It was not always so. If I were that unkind person that the *Globe* so feelingly portrays to its readers, I might wake once more to life the echoes of former years,—echoes of manly utterances that have long since died away among the dusty volumes of that journal—I might astonish the Province with the ringing periods in which the *Globe* declaimed against this present monopoly. But all that is past, and the *Globe* loveth not antiquarian researches!

J. H. H.